

## Community Calendar

WSSU alumni meeting

The Winston-Salem State University Brown Alumni Chapter will meet Friday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Mazie S. Woodruff Center/Forsyth Technical Community College Campus, 4905 Lansing Drive. Contact Shelia Bailey at 336-575-2006 for additional informa-

**Unity Day** 

The Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department will hold its Black History Family Unity Day on Sunday, Feb. 23 (rescheduled from Feb. 16) from 3 - 6 p.m. at the Carl H. Russell, Sr. Community Center, 3521 Carver School Road. It will feature artist vendors, spoken word artists and black history exhibits. Everyone is invited. Call Ben Piggott at 336-727-2580 for more information.

'Showcase of Song'

The Human Relations Department's second annual "Showcase of Song," celebrating the link between African-African and . American culture, will be held at noon on Saturday, Feb. 22 in the auditorium of the Old Salem Visitors Center, 900 Old Salem Road. The program is free and open to the public.

'Black History Roll Call'

Vintage '04,' a non-profit inviting the public to participate in "Black History Roll Call" on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 2-5 p.m. at the Central Library, 660 Fifth St. The event will consist of a panel discussion during which locals will share their personal stories.

## **Northwood Estates** meeting

The Northwood Estates Know-Your-Neighbor Club will have its monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Carl H. Russell Sr. Community Center, 3521 Carver School Rd. A Black History Month presentation will be given by Rudolph V. Boone Sr. Naomi W. Jones is president of the club, and Millie T. Davidson is the program chairperson. The general public is cordially invited to attend and participate in this celebration.

Teen Theatre play

Samm-Art Williams' "The Last Class - Five Letter Words" will be performed by Black North Carolina Repertory Company's Teen Theatre Ensemble on Friday, Feb. 21 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$16. A special

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## A Cause Worth Supporting

Photos by Todd Luck

Roger Hayes speaks at Friday's Dining with Friends event at the Piedmont Club.



Casual reception benefits AIDS Care Service

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

Roger Hayes and his partner Tunnie Billingsley hosted a fundraiser for AIDS Care Service on Friday, Feb. 7 at the Piedmont Club.

Guests enjoyed complementary hors d'oeuvres, music and line dancing and were encouraged to leave tips to support AIDS Care Services, which supports local Kerry "Leon" Sturdivant, residents living with HIV and AIDS. The fundraiser was

one of several Dining With Friends events hosted earlier this month to support the agency. The dinner party fundraising initiative is one of AIDS Care Services' main funding sources.

Hayes is the pastor of the Church of the Holy Spirit Fellowship and an event coordinator at the Piedmont Club, a business and social club located on the 19th floor of the BB&T downtown Financial Center.

Every month, the club hosts a fundraiser for a local charity. Hayes arranged for ACS to be this month's benefici-

Jesse Duncan

Billingsley manned the sound system for the event. dedicated to embracing and He said he and Hayes, an openly gay couple, were happy

preserving local history, is to host an event to help those with HIV/AIDS. "(It's) to bring light to HIV/AIDS and let people know that there's support out there for them," he said.

Hayes is active with ACS, facilitating a discussion group and promoting HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness. His church is open to all and affirming of same

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Above: Attendees (clockwise from top, left) Carolyn High, Sandy Williette Smith, Donna Carter, Taylor Bobby Rouse.

Left: Heidi Connie Graham with Billy Rich.



Attendees included Dr. Charlie Shaw (above) and (above, right) Dr. Tony Burton and John Livenere (right).

Right: Guests liven things up with some line dancing.



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